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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2005 in which the rejections of claims 1-20 were made final.

The rejections are unsupported by the cited references and are based on a misreading of the references and/or a misapplication of the references to Applicants' claims.

In each case, the Office Action cites one or more paragraphs of the references as allegedly anticipating a claim element. Applicants have again carefully reviewed each citation and continue to find that these citations do not anticipate the element and are often entirely unrelated to the element.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, . . . , in a single prior art reference." Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987); M.P.E.P.